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SUBJ: PRELIMINARY PHILIPPINE COMMENTS ON ASEAN FOR
MINISTERS MEETING

BEGIN SUMMARY: DFA UNDERSEC INGLES TOLD POL COUNSELOR
APRIL 21 THAT GOP CONSIDERED RECENT ASEAN FON MINS
MEETING IN THAILAND USEFUL. HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT
CONFERENCE ACCEPTANCE OF PHIL IDEA FOR ESTABLISHMENT
OF PERMANENT SECRETARIAT. INGLES STATED THAT CONDI-
TIONS OF PEACE IN SEA SHOULD PREVAIL BEFORE BROADER
CONFERENCE OF SEA NATIONA COULD BE CONVENED. COMMENTING
ON ABSENCE OF NEUTRALIZATION, INGLES INDICATED MATTER
STILL UNDER CONTINUING STUDY BY ASEAN SENIOR OFFICIALS.
INGLES SAW QUESTION OF DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF PEKING,
WHICH WAS LEFT TO DISCRETION OF INDIVIDUAL ASEAN NATIONS,
AS ONE WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AT FORTH-
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COMING GOP FON POLICY COUNCIL MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. ON APRIL 21 POL COUNSELOR HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS RECENT ASEAN FON MINISTERS MEETING IN THAILAND WITH DFA UNDERSEC JOSE INGLES WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM CONFERENCE.

2. INGLES INDICATED IT WAS USEFUL MEETING AND EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT ASEAN MINISTERS ACCEPTED PHIL PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT SECRETARIAT. HE CONFIRMED THAT GOP WOULD HOST MEETING OF ASEAN SEC GEN'S (GOP SEC GEN IS AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA FAROLAN) IN MANILA. HE HAD NO IDEA OF FORM OF ORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD EMERGE.

3. RE CONFERENCE OF SEA NATIONS WHICH ASEAN COMMUNIQUE CALLED FOR "AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME," INGLES NOTED THAT SUCH CONFERENCE COULD NOT BE HELD WHILE FIGHTING CONTINUED IN INDOCHINA DESPITE CEASEFIRE AND SAID THAT CONDITIONS OF PEACE WOULD HAVE TO EXIST BEFORE IT COULD BE CONVENED.

4. POL COUNSELOR COMMENTED ON ABSENCE OF ANY REF TO "NEUTRALIZATION" IN COMMUNIQUE, INGLES SAID THAT CONFERENCE HAD INSTRUCTED COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS TO CONTINUE THEIR ONGOING EXPLORATION OF HOW ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY MIGHT BE ACHIEVED. THEIR NEXT MEETING WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN JUNE IN MANILA.

5. INGLES ADMITTED THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF PEKING, BUT SAID QUESTION WAS LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF INDIVIDUAL ASEAN COUNTRIES WITH ONLY REQUIREMENT BEING TO ADVISE THEIR ASEAN ALLIES OF ANY POSITIVE DECISION. IN RESPONSE TO POL COUNSELOR'S QUERY, INGLES INDICATED THAT SECRETARY ROMULO HAD STATED AT ASEAN MEETING THAT DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF PEKING AND MOWCOW WAS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION BY GOP. HE THOUGHT IT LIKELY THIS WOULD BE ONE OF SUBJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY FORTHCOMING GOP FON POLICY COUNCIL MEETING.

6. INGLES REPORT CONFIRMED THAT ROMULO PRESENTED REPORT TO CONFERENCE ON SITUATION INVOLVING MUSLIM CONFLICT IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. WHILE ROMULO'S STATEMENT MADE IN PRIVATE MEETING, INGLES SAID IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PUBLISHED. HE INDICATED THERE WAS NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER IN THAT MEETING.

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